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King County massage therapist gives up license following sexual misconduct

OLYMPIA — A Maple Valley massage practitioner surrendered his credential to health officials in response to charges of sexual misconduct.

Matthew E. Usher (MASS.MA.00022609) touched a patient's breasts during a treatment session in December 2012. Usher then told the patient not to tell anyone about the incident. He was convicted of attempted indecent liberties in King County Superior Court in May 2014.

The license surrender completes the legal process that started with the immediate suspension of Usher's massage license in June 2013. Usher agreed to never practice as a massage practitioner in Washington by surrendering his license.

The documents in the case can be seen online by clicking "[Look up a health care provider](#)" on the [Department of Health website](#). Copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. That number can also be used to file complaints against health care providers in Washington.

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